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SUBJECT: OCCUPATION OF AMCONSUL BELFAST BY PROTEST GROUP

REF: BELFAST 207, TELCON A/SY/FO HANREHAN WITH RSO 6/16/77

1. TELCON BETWEEN RSO AND CONGEN JUNE 17 DEVELOPED LIMITED INFORMATION TO REFTEL.
  2. PRINOFF STATED BASIC FACTS SET OUT IN REFTEL AND ADVISED PROTESTERS EVIDENTLY ASSEMBLED ON STREET OPPOSITE BUILDING BEFORE ENTERING IN A GROUP. BUILDING WATCHMAN ON FIRST FLOOR ALERTED OFFICE, BUT TIME DID NOT PERMIT SECURING OFFICE ENTRANCE. CONGEN SILENT ALARM NOT ACTIVATED AND POLICE ASSISTANCE NOT REQUESTED.
  3. SEVERAL PROTESTERS CARRIED SIGNS CRITICAL OF U.S., E.G. QUOTE MONEY NOT EVEN RIGHTS ARE ALL THAT MATTERS TO U.S. END QUOTE. ALTHOUGH GROUP WANTED TO PREVENT VISA APPLICANTS FROM LEAVING CONGEN, PRINOFF DISSUADED PROTESTERS FROM INTERFERENCE WITH DEPARTURES. ACTION WAS PEACEFUL AND GROUP DEPARTED 1525 HOURS AFTER 40 MINUTE PRESENCE. NO PETITION LEFT CG. DURING OCCUPATION OTHER VISITORS TURNED AWAY BY WATCHMAN ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRINOFF.
  4. PRINOFF ALSO ADVISED PROTESTERS PRESENCE HAD OVERTONES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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- SECTARIANISM AS MEMBERS WERE CATHOLIC AND WANTED TO PREVENT DEPARTURE OF VISA APPLICANTS WHO WERE PROTESTANTS.
5. GROUP HAD INFORMED LOCAL MEDIA OF INTENTION TO PROTEST AT CONGEN. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AND TOOK PHOTOS, BUT T.V. CREWS, ALSO PRESENT ON STREET, DID NOT FILM ANY ACTION. BELFAST PAPERS HAVE NOT GIVEN PUBLICITY TO PROTEST ACTION.

6. JUNE 17 ISSUES OF IRISH INDEPENDENT AND IRISH TIMES, BOTH DUBLIN NEWSPAPERS, CONTAINED BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMONSTRATION AS REACTION TO RECENT REMARKS IN THE U.S. QUOTE IN RELATION TO AID FOR THE NORTH BEING USED BY BUY ARMS END QUOTE.

7. TELCON WITH PRINOFF VERY GUARDED. RSO PLANS VISIT AMCONSUL BELFAST ON JUNE 22 WITH TSO RALPH NOURSE, WHOSE VISIT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR OTHER REASONS, AND WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRIES OF INTEREST. RENDAHL

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